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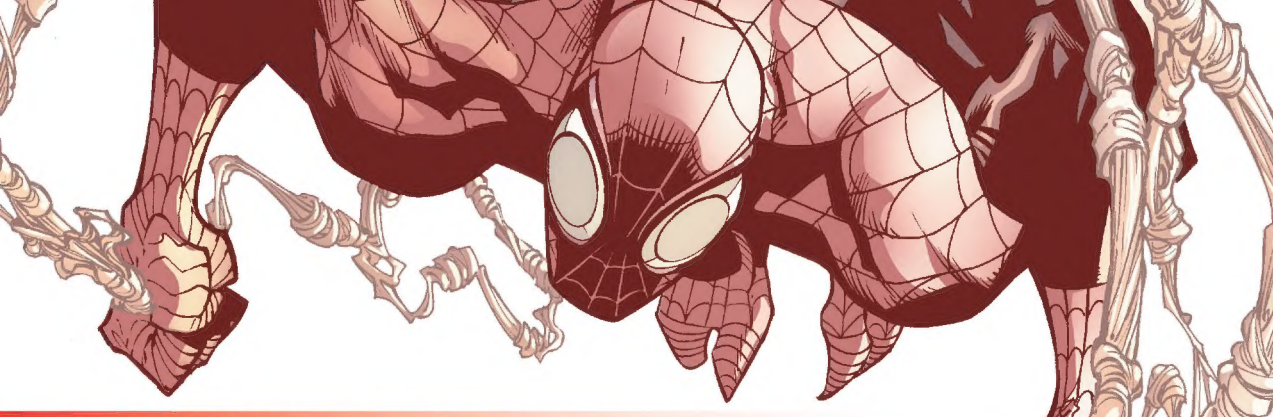

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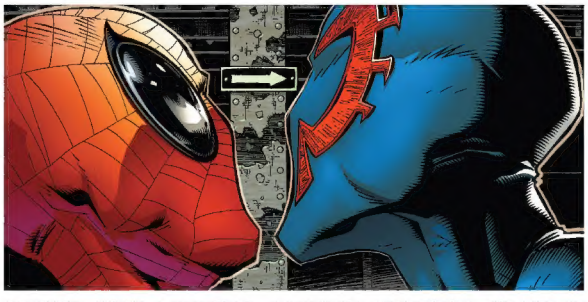
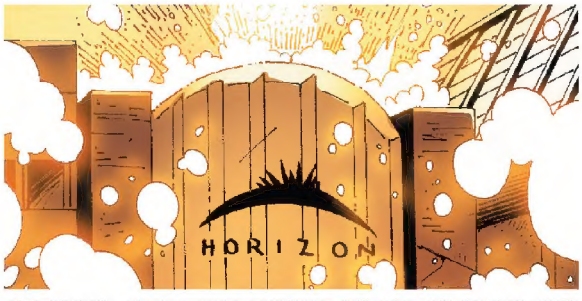
IN A LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO SAVE HIMSELF FROM DEATH, **OTTO OCTAVIUS** SWAPPED MINDS WITH SPIDER-MAN, LEAVING **PETER PARKER** TO DIE IN HIS PLACE. TAKING ON PETER'S SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, OTTO CARRIED ON HIS MISSION AS THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN.

OTTO SET ABOUT IMPROVING PETER'S LIFE AND EVEN FELL IN LOVE WITH A WOMAN NAMED **ANNA MARIA MARCONI.**



RECENTLY, WHEN A **TEMPORAL DISTORTION** THREATENED THE LIFE OF TYLER STONE, HEAD OF ALCHEMAX IN THE YEAR 2099, SPIDER-MAN 2099 TRAVELED BACK IN TIME TO HORIZON LABS BEFORE IT BECAME ALCHEMAX TO SAVE THE LIFE OF TIBERIUS STONE.



WHEN HORIZON LABS WAS LOST IN A TEMPORAL IMPLOSION, THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN DISAPPEARED FOR 24 HOURS.* THIS IS WHERE HE WENT.

THIS STORY TAKES PLACE DURING **SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN #19.*

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Horizon Labs. Several Months Ago.

W-WHAT...WHAT HAPPENED? WHO DARES--

WAIT. I REMEMBER. THERE WAS A *TEMPORAL ENERGY MELTDOWN* AT HORIZON LABS.

CIRCA SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN #19! - NICK

I WAS ENTERING AN EQUATION INTO A DEVICE THAT WOULD CONTAIN THE ERUPTION.

IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN *CHILD'S PLAY* FOR THE INTELLECT OF OTTO OCTAVIUS...EXCEPT THAT I WAS BUILDING ON THE *FLAWED* WORK OF *PETER PARKER*.

ERROR

ENTER

THAT'S WHAT CAUSED THE FAILURE.

AND *THESE* FOOLS. THIS IS *THEIR* FAULT. THAT SPIDER-MAN FROM 2099, TAMPERING WITH THE TIME-STREAM BY TRAVELING TO MY ERA...AND THE SELF-SERVING *TIBERIUS STONE*, SABOTAGING THE EQUIPMENT!

KRA-KAW-AM!!

THIS DISASTER IS ON *THEIR* HEADS!

A CONTROLLED IMPLOSION! DID SPIDER-MAN DO THAT? JAMESON, DID YOU SEE...DID HE MAKE IT OUT?

IF HE DIDN'T, MODELL, GOOD RIDDANCE!

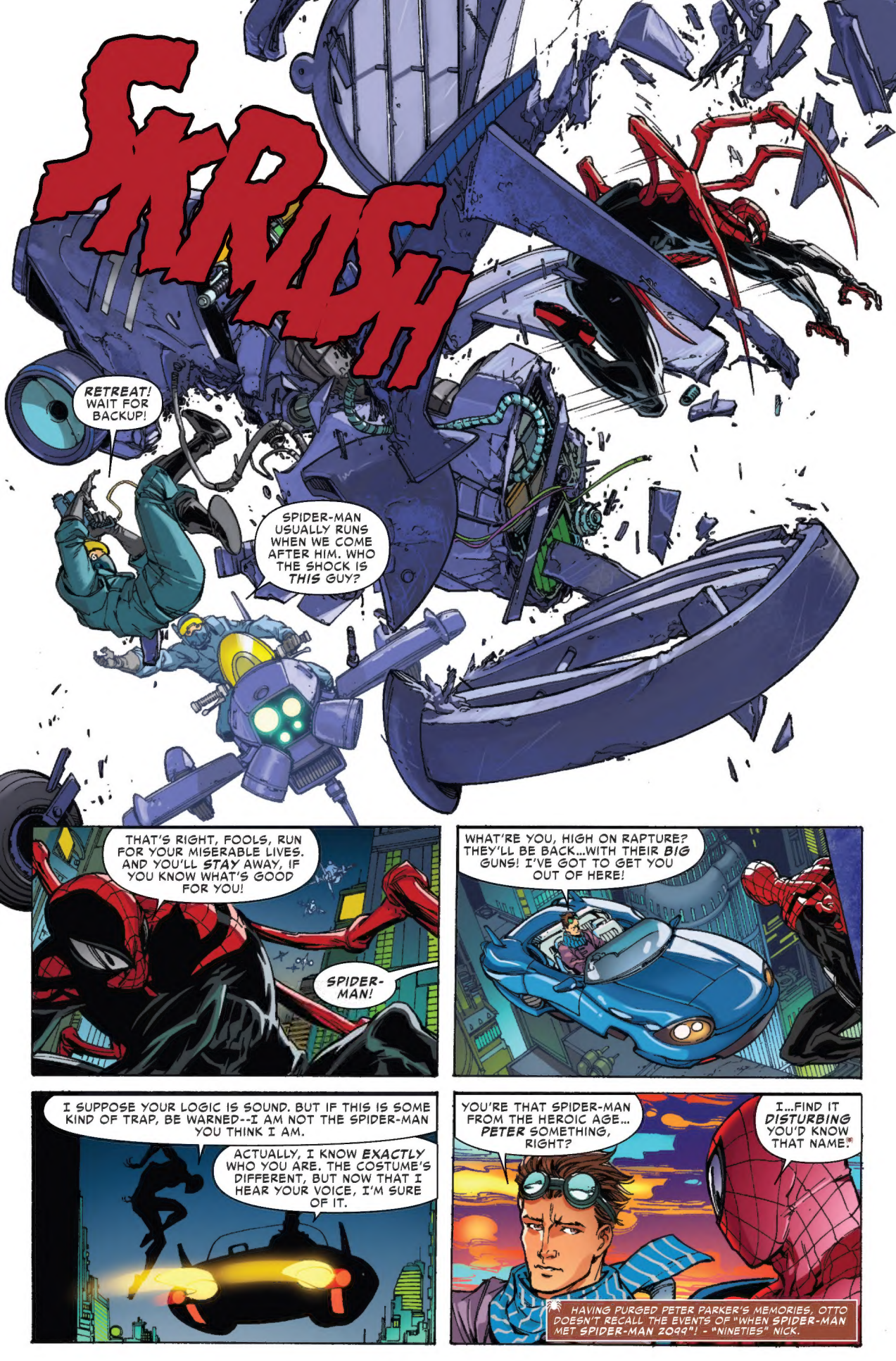
I'M ALIVE. OR, AT LEAST, MY CONSCIOUSNESS IS INTACT. MY BODY FEELS... UNMOORED.

WHERE AM I? *WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?*

GET HOLD OF YOURSELF, OTTO. THINK.
I AM, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, ADRIFT IN TIME. THE BIZARRE FLASHES OF OTHER EARTHS I KEEP GLIMPSING SUPPORT THAT THEORY.
BUT THOSE WORLDS ARE INCONSISTENT...EVEN CONTRADICTORY. IT'S AS IF THE TIMELINE IS FRAGMENTED. WHICH MEANS I COULD END UP...
...ANYWHERE.
WHUMP
HAVE TO GET MY BEARINGS, AND QUICKLY. I COULD BE AT ANY POINT IN THE PAST OR FUTURE--
NNH...
AH. OF COURSE. I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED AS MUCH.
NATURE ABHORS A VACUUM.

2099 WAS ROBBED OF ITS SPIDER-MAN...
...SO THE UNIVERSE SENT ME TO REPLACE HIM.
BROUGHT TO YOU BY
ALCHEMAX
SEPTEMBER 27 2099
CMM

AN ACCEPTABLE OUTCOME. COMBINING THIS ERA'S TECHNOLOGY WITH MY OWN GENIUS, WHICH IS *WELL* OVER A CENTURY AHEAD OF ITS TIME...
...IT SHOULD BE A SIMPLE MATTER TO CREATE THE MEANS TO RETURN HOME. I NEED ONLY FIND A PROPERLY EQUIPPED FACILITY.
GABE? REMEMBER HOW YOU ASKED EVERYONE TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR SPIDER-MAN?
YEAH, WELL, IT DIDN'T TAKE MUCH EFFORT. THAT BITHEAD'S PARADING AROUND IN THE OPEN LIKE HE'S THE SECOND COMING OF *THOR*. YOU WANT HIM, YOU'D BETTER HURRY...
"...BEFORE THE *PUBLIC EYE* SHOOTS HIM OUT OF THE SKY!"
HALT! SPIDER-MAN, WE ARE PLACING YOU UNDER ARREST! DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FLEE!
FLEE?
HEH.
SHING
YOU HAVE THE WRONG SPIDER-MAN.


SMASH
RETREAT! WAIT FOR BACKUP!
SPIDER-MAN USUALLY RUNS WHEN WE COME AFTER HIM. WHO THE SHOCK IS THIS GUY?
THAT'S RIGHT, FOOLS, RUN FOR YOUR MISERABLE LIVES. AND YOU'LL STAY AWAY, IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU!
SPIDER-MAN!
WHAT'RE YOU, HIGH ON RAPTURE? THEY'LL BE BACK...WITH THEIR BIG GUNS! I'VE GOT TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE!
I SUPPOSE YOUR LOGIC IS SOUND. BUT IF THIS IS SOME KIND OF TRAP, BE WARNED--I AM NOT THE SPIDER-MAN YOU THINK I AM.
ACTUALLY, I KNOW EXACTLY WHO YOU ARE. THE COSTUME'S DIFFERENT, BUT NOW THAT I HEAR YOUR VOICE, I'M SURE OF IT.
YOU'RE THAT SPIDER-MAN FROM THE HEROIC AGE... PETER SOMETHING, RIGHT?
I...FIND IT DISTURBING YOU'D KNOW THAT NAME.
HAVING PURGED PETER PARKER'S MEMORIES, OTTO DOESN'T RECALL THE EVENTS OF "WHEN SPIDER-MAN MET SPIDER-MAN 2099"! - "NINETIES" NICK.

YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME?
IT'S...HARDLY SURPRISING. IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO. ARE YOU REALLY THAT MEMORABLE?
WELL, SHOCK YOU TOO! I'M GABRIEL O'HARA. THERE'S A SPIDER-MAN IN THIS ERA. HE'S MY BROTHER, MIGUEL... AND HE'S MISSING. DID YOU DO THAT? AGAIN?
I'M AS MUCH A VICTIM OF THIS SITUATION AS HE IS. BUT GIVEN THE PROPER INFORMATION, I THINK I CAN SET IT RIGHT.
GOOD. LET'S GO TO MIGGY'S APARTMENT...IT'S A GOOD PLACE TO HIDE, AND FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO NEXT.
GREETINGS. PLEASE SET VISUAL REPRESENTATION PARAMETERS.
I TAKE IT THIS IS A HOLOGRAPHIC INTERFACE WITH THE COMPUTER NETWORK.
EXACTLY. NOT SURE WHAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR TIME, BUT THEY'RE PRETTY AMAZING.
THE HOLO-AGENT USED TO HAVE A LOOK AND PERSONALITY MIGGY ASSIGNED. NOW IT'S GONE BACK TO FACTORY DEFAULT.
I HAVE NO NEED FOR SUCH TRIVIALITIES. I JUST NEED TO KNOW WHERE I CAN ACQUIRE THE PROPER TECH.
"ACQUIRE?" WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU MEAN BY--
IT'S BEST YOU DON'T KNOW...IT COULD CAUSE A TIME PARADOX. IN FACT, FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, YOU SHOULD PROBABLY RETURN TO YOUR NORMAL ROUTINE. I HAVE ALL I NEED HERE.
WELL...OKAY, I GUESS. YOU DID MANAGE TO FIX THINGS LAST TIME. IF YOU NEED ME, THE HOLO-AGENT CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH ME.

CLIK
I HAVE ALL I'LL EVER NEED FROM YOU, DOLT.
COMPUTER! BRIEF ME ON THE BEST TECHNOLOGY TO FACILITATE TEMPORAL AND/OR DIMENSIONAL TRAVEL.
WORKING.
TOP RESULTS: THE TEMPORAL ENERGY GENERATOR, ORIGINALLY DEVELOPED BY STARK/FUJIKAWA, WAS BANNED DUE TO CATASTROPHIC SIDE EFFECTS. RECENTLY, THE MEGACORP ALCHEMAX PAID A RECORD FINE FOR ATTEMPTING TO RECREATE IT.
FOLLOWING THAT INCIDENT, ALCHEMAX HAS FOCUSED RESOURCES ON ITS TRANS-DIMENSIONAL VIRTUAL UNREALITY TECHNOLOGY.
PERFECT. PROVIDE ME WITH THE LOCATIONS OF STARK/FUJIKAWA AND ALCHEMAX RESEARCH FACILITIES.
YES, SIR.
AND CALL ME "DOCTOR." I'LL NEED A CAPABLE ASSISTANT FOR WHAT I'M ABOUT TO UNDERTAKE...

Stark/Fujikawa North American Headquarters.

DISAPPOINTING. YOUR COMPANY IS ACTUALLY ABIDING BY THE LAW, SPECIALIST. SLIM PICKINGS INDEED.

The Alchemax Building. Office of Tyler Stone.

MUCH BETTER. MY COMPLIMENTS, MR. STONE. ALCHEMAX IS A TREASURE TROVE OF ILLICIT TECHNOLOGY.

I WANT HIM ***STOPPED***, DO YOU HEAR ME?

ALCHEMAX HARDWARE

"BRING ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE PUBLIC EYE DOWN ON HIM!

"CALL IN ***VENTURE*** IF YOU HAVE TO! WHATEVER IT TAKES, ***BRING ME THE HEAD OF SPIDER-MAN!***"

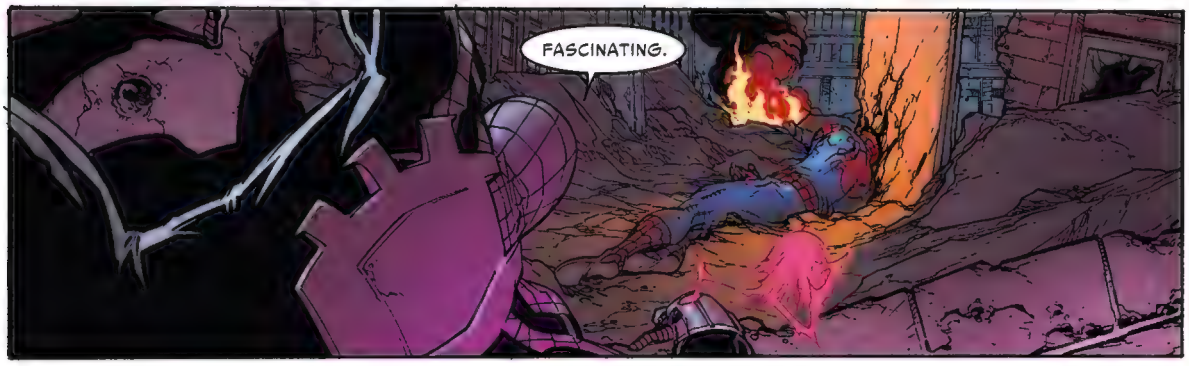
COUNT YOURSELF LUCKY I HAVE NO TIME TO WASTE ON YOU, IDIOT.

IF THIS IS THE FUTURE, I AM ***NOT*** IMPRESSED.

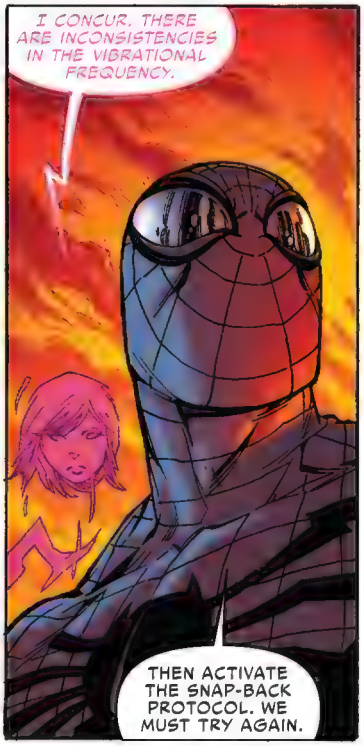
"Downtown." What's Left of Old New York.
THIS IS FUTURE TECHNOLOGY? BAH.
I SUPPOSE THAT'S THE CURSE OF BEING SO FAR AHEAD OF MY TIME. NO EQUIPMENT WILL EVER EQUAL MY MIND. STILL, IT SHOULD SUFFICE.
IS YOUR TIME PORTAL FINISHED, DOCTOR?
NEARLY...
AND SO ARE YOU. ADJUST THE HAIR...A BIT SHORTER.
ADJUSTING.
IS THIS OKAY?
IT--IT'S PERFECT...
...AND IT'S PAST TIME I GOT HOME. DOWNLOAD YOURSELF INTO MY WRIST DEVICE. PREPARE FOR TIME-JUMP.
YES, DOCTOR.

CHECK THE "SNAP-BACK" PROTOCOL, IN THE EVENT OF DANGER.
ALL SYSTEMS OPERATIONAL.
VERY WELL. THEN LET'S PROCEED.
AHH. MUCH SMOOTHER THIS TIME.
NEARING DESIGNATED ERA. ESTIMATE ARRIVAL WITHIN TWELVE HOURS OF ORIGINAL DEPARTURE TIME.
WHOA! IS THAT SPIDER-MAN?
THIS LOOKS PROMISING. BUT I MUST BE READY FOR...
...COMPLICATIONS.
DIDN'T HE ALREADY SHOW UP?
WHO CARES? WHAT PART OF "EVACUATION" DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

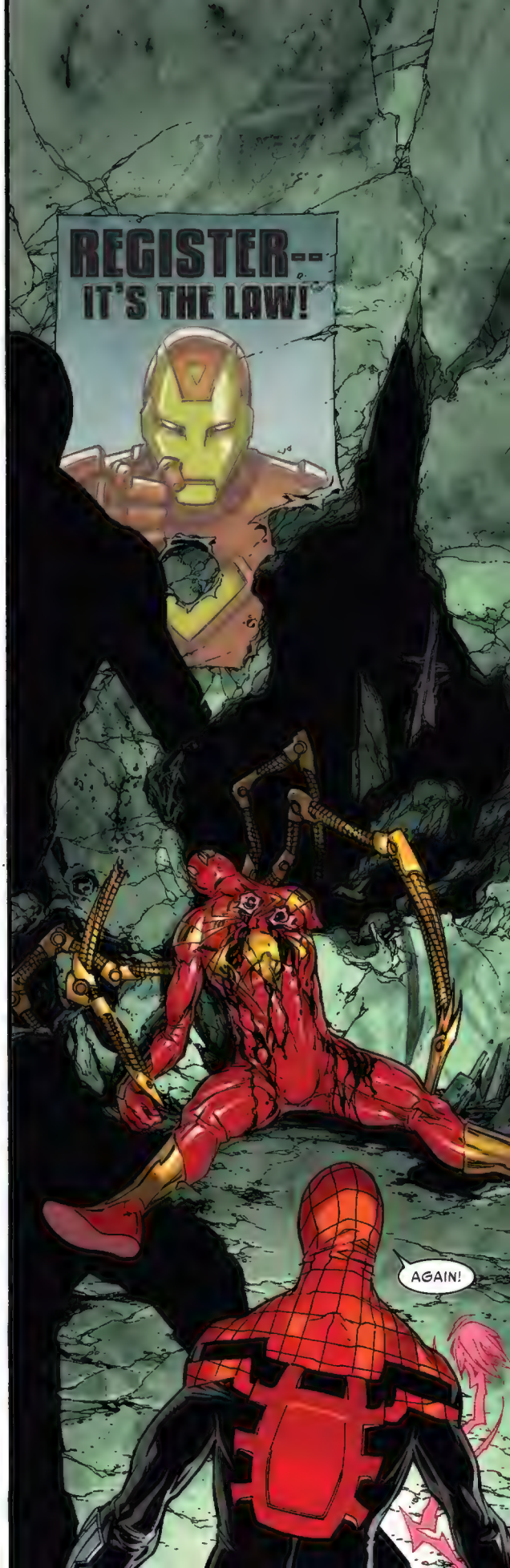
REED RICHARDS, THE HUMAN TORCH AND THE THING. ARE THEY--
NO LIFE SIGNS.
I ALWAYS KNEW RICHARDS' ARROGANCE WOULD BE HIS DOWNFALL. BUT ANYTHING THAT COULD SLAY THEM IS OF CONCERN. CAUSE OF DEATH?
I'M PICKING UP TRACES OF AN UNUSUAL ENERGY, EMANATING MOST STRONGLY FROM BEYOND THAT PILE OF RUBBLE...


FASCINATING.

NOW I SEE. THIS IS NOT MY WORLD, BUT SOME PARALLEL TIMELINE IN WHICH SPIDER-MAN JOINED THE FANTASTIC FOUR.


I CONCUR. THERE ARE INCONSISTENCIES IN THE VIBRATIONAL FREQUENCY.
THEN ACTIVATE THE SNAP-BACK PROTOCOL. WE MUST TRY AGAIN.

AGAIN.


REGISTER--
IT'S THE LAW!
AGAIN!

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BLAST IT! TAKE READINGS OF THE BODY. THIS BEARS FURTHER ANALYSIS.

2099.
READINGS CONFIRM IT.
ALL THREE OF THOSE DEAD SPIDER-MEN WERE PETER PARKER. WHICH EXPLAINS THEIR FAILURE.
THERE WERE OTHER COMMON TRAITS. THEY'D ALL SUSTAINED THE SAME DOUBLE PUNCTURE WOUND...

...AND WERE ALL SUFFUSED WITH THE SAME EXOTIC ENERGY...WHICH DOESN'T ORIGINATE IN ANY OF THE DIMENSIONS VISITED.
YES, I'D NOTICED. I HAVE NO INTEREST IN THE BATTLES OF OTHER WORLDS... BUT I'M BEGINNING TO THINK I AM NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH THE ABILITY TO VISIT OTHER TIMELINES.
PREPARE FOR ANOTHER JUMP. THIS TIME, IF WE FIND ANOTHER DEAD SPIDER-MAN, WE WILL BE COLLECTING DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE KILLER'S ENERGY SIGNATURE...

"...AND HIS RATHER DISTINCTIVE WEAPON."
SHRNKK
YEOW!
THIS DAY STARTED OUT SO WELL. I SHOULD'VE KNOWN...
...THE PRABHAKAR LUCK WOULDN'T LET IT END THAT WAY!
RUN! HIDE! GET OUT OF HERE!
WHAT IS IT?
I DIDN'T STOP TO ASK. BUT IF MY TRACK RECORD'S ANYTHING TO JUDGE BY, I'D GUESS...

...DEMON!
I AM NO DEMON, CHILD.
SADLY FOR YOU, I AM FAR WORSE.
NO!
BKRNCH
AAIEE!
THWIP THWIP
QUICKLY! GET OUT OF THE WAY! I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I CAN--

NOT LONG AT ALL, BOY.

I'M SORRY, UNCLE BHIM...

SHR Z
WHAT--

THWAMM
LET GO, IDIOT!
BRRMMMM
TH-THANK YOU. ARE YOU ANOTHER SPIDER AVATAR, SENT TO SAVE ME?
I'VE SAVED YOU FROM NOTHING. THAT WILL ONLY HOLD HIM A FEW MOMENTS.
TOGETHER WE CAN--
ONLY DIE. I'VE BEEN TRACKING THIS MONSTER ACROSS TWELVE DIMENSIONS. HIS POWER LEVELS ARE OFF THE CHARTS. WE HAVE TO RUN.
THE PEOPLE--
WILL BE FINE. HE ONLY HUNTS SPIDERS AND THOSE WHO GET BETWEEN HIM AND HIS PREY. WE, ON THE OTHER HAND, ARE DEAD, UNLESS WE LEAVE NOW.
ANNA! CHARGE PORTAL!
CHARGING.

I'VE EMBARKED ON A QUEST TO RAISE AN ARMY OF SPIDER-MEN TO FIGHT THIS CREATURE. JOIN ME, OR STAY AND DIE.
MY AUNT MAYA DIDN'T RAISE ANY FOOLS.
LET'S GO!
GRAAARRR!
BRA KOOOOM
HRR. GONE. I CAN FEEL IT.
I MUST FIND THEM OR I WILL HAVE PROVED THE OTHERS RIGHT.
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME, SIR. AND I'M HONORED TO BE THE FIRST IN WHAT I HOPE WILL BE A VERY LARGE AND POWERFUL BAND OF WARRIORS.
FIRST?

WHO SAID YOU WERE THE FIRST?
To Be Continued...!

THE HARDEST THING I EVER DID WAS LEAVE MY OLD LIFE BEHIND. THAT LIFE, AND EVERYONE IN IT.
MARY JANE, AUNT MAY... AND, FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, PETER PARKER.
BUT I THINK I STARTED TO REALLY GET IT WHEN GWEN DIED. WHEN THE GREEN GOBLIN MURDERED HER.
WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY...AND GREATER ENEMIES. THE KIND WHO DON'T SHOW MERCY. I COULD EITHER WATCH THEM KILL THE PEOPLE I LOVED...
...OR ADMIT I'M AT WAR. AND START ACTING LIKE IT.
BLAM
WOLVERINE TRAINED ME. INTRODUCED ME TO LIFE OUT IN THE COLD. AND IT'S A DAMN GOOD THING HE DID.
BECAUSE IF I STILL LIVED IN NEW YORK...

...THE DEAD WOULD BE PILED UP IN THE *THOUSANDS* RIGHT NOW.

AS IT IS, IT'LL TAKE EVERYTHING I'VE GOT TO KEEP THE BODY COUNT DOWN TO *TWO*.

SHHREEAAZZZ

LOGAN!

THE SPIDER-SANCTION

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I DON'T KNOW WHO THIS MONSTER IS OR WHERE HE CAME FROM. BUT HE JUST KILLED LOGAN, WHICH I DIDN'T THINK WAS POSSIBLE.
AND IF HE COULD DO THAT TO WOLVERINE...
PING
PING
...ALEX DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE.
GET THE ROCKET LAUNCHER! I'LL COVER YOU! GO!
GOD, I LOVE HER. BUT THE ROCKET LAUNCHER WON'T STOP THIS GUY. THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN THINK OF THAT MIGHT.
THWIP
BUT IF IT DOESN'T, I DON'T WANT HER TO PAY THE PRICE.
UNNH!
BONK

THIS GUY'S AFTER ME. HE'S LIKE A MACHINE. SINGLE-MINDED. OBSESSIVE.
MY ONE CHANCE IS TO USE THAT AGAINST HIM.
I'M GUESSING HE DOESN'T REALIZE OUR GENERATOR'S WAY BEYOND THE USUAL GAS-POWERED MODEL.
SHI'AR TECHNOLOGY. ENOUGH TO RUN AN ENTIRE CITY.
HELL, HE PROBABLY DOESN'T CARE. BUT OBVIOUSLY THAT SPEAR OF HIS CONDUCTS ENERGY.
SHNNKK
LET'S SEE IF IT WORKS BOTH WAYS.
KRAKKK
THAT'S SCIENCE, MORON.

OH, MAN...
NOT EVEN FAZED. GOT TO--
WHRAK
I AM ENTERTAINED.
YOUR DEATH WILL BE QUICKER THAN MOST.
IF YOU HAVE LAST WORDS, SAY THEM.
T-TIMBER.
AN ODD EPITAPH, BUT TO EACH HIS--

BTHOOOM
YOU'RE WELCOME, BY THE WAY.
THAT WON'T FINISH HIM. GONNA SEE IF I CAN.
WAIT, YOU FOOL!
LISTEN. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REPLACED ME BACK IN THE STATES, OR IF YOU'RE FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION, OR WHAT. AND I DON'T CARE.
YOU *SHOULD* CARE, DOLT. AND YOU SHOULD SLOW DOWN.
NEWSFLASH: I'M NOT THE "*FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN*" ANYMORE. SOME FOLKS NEED KILLING, AND THIS MONSTER'S A PRIME EXAMPLE.

OH, I AGREE COMPLETELY.
I'M NOT QUESTIONING THE DEED...I'M SAYING *WE CAN'T GET IT DONE*. NOT ALONE, AT ANY RATE.
THERE ARE MANY SPIDER-MEN IN THE MULTIVERSE. NOT ALL AS...*PRAGMATIC* AS YOU AND I, BUT SOME HAVE SPECIALIZED SKILLS THAT CAN PROVE USEFUL.
I PROPOSE TO GATHER AN ARMY OF THEM TO DEAL WITH THAT CREATURE. I NEED ANOTHER LIKE MYSELF, WHO WILL NOT HESITATE TO... DO WHAT'S *REQUIRED*.
ALEX...
YOUR WOMAN? IF YOU CARE FOR HER, COMING WITH ME IS THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO...FOR HER *AND* YOUR WORLD. THE MONSTER HAS NO INTEREST IN ANYONE BUT US.
I'VE SAID MY PIECE. I AM NO COWARD, BUT NEITHER AM I SUICIDAL. ARE YOU WITH ME, OR NOT?
YOU PROMISE WE'RE GOING TO KILL IT?
THAT HORROR WILL DIE...OR WE *ALL* WILL.
THEN *SIGN ME UP.*

To Be Continued in Spider-Verse!

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